

Forest Land-Nagpur

Re- diversion of 0.3993 ha. of Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Nagpur for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable along the existing RoW of Tal Paoni-Umred-Nagpur Road in Nagpur District under Nagpur Forest Division in the state of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD- 3424/CR.185/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date: 04.09.2024**

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/Nagpur/OFC/PID-461063/963, Dt.22.07.2024.

Preamble:-

M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for re-diversion of 0.3993 ha. Forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable along the existing RoW of Tal Paoni-Umred-Nagpur Road in Nagpur District under Nagpur Forest Division to the State Forest Department. APCCF & Nodal Officer has submitted this proposal to Government of Maharashtra vide letter under referred above.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2023, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-principle**' approval to the re-diversion of 0.3993 ha. Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Nagpur for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable along the existing RoW of Tal Paoni-Umred-Nagpur Road in Nagpur District under Nagpur Forest Division in the state of Maharashtra.

2. The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Division	Tahsil	Range	Village Name	Comp. No.	Gut. No.	Legal Status	Length in mtr	Width in mtr	Area in Sq Mtrs	Area in Ha
1	Nagpur	Umred	North Umred	Khapri (Raja)	-	76	Zudpi Jungle	700	0.50	350	0.035
2	Nagpur	Umred	North Umred	Khapri (Raja)	-	79	Zudpi Jungle	300.00	0.50	150.00	0.0150
3	Nagpur	Umred	North Umred	Surgaon	-	364	Pahad Khadak	400.00	0.50	200.00	0.0200
4	Nagpur	Umred	North Umred	Surgaon	-	365	Pahad Khadak	100.00	0.50	50.00	0.0050
5	Nagpur	Umred	North Umred	Surgaon	-	366	Pahad Khadak	300.00	0.50	150.00	0.015
6	Nagpur	Umred	North Umred	Surgaon	-	341	Pahad Khadak	1200	0.50	600	0.0600

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7	Nagpur	Umred	North Umred	Surgaon	-	195	Pahad Khadak	1000.00	0.50	500.00	0.0500
8	Nagpur	Kuhi	North Umred	Bhojapur	394	530	PF	650.00	0.50	325.00	0.0325
9	Nagpur	Kuhi	North Umred	Bhojapur	394	528	PF	485.00	0.50	242.50	0.0243
10	Nagpur	Kuhi	North Umred	Ajni	-	122	Zudpi Jungle	100.00	0.50	50.00	0.00500
11	Nagpur	Kuhi	North Umred	Ajni	395	184	PF	520.00	0.50	260.00	0.026
12	Nagpur	Umred	North Umred	Rajulwadi	385	179	PF	235.00	0.50	117.50	0.0118
13	Nagpur	Umred	North Umred	Rajulwadi	385	161	PF	200.00	0.50	100.00	0.0100
14	Nagpur	Umred	South Umred	Khedi	414	306	PF FDCM	200.00	0.50	100.00	0.0100
15	Nagpur	Umred	South Umred	Thana	418	25	PF	150.00	0.50	75.00	0.0075
16	Nagpur	Umred	South Umred	Thana	418	21	PF	90.00	0.50	45.00	0.00450
17	Nagpur	Umred	South Umred	Thana	418	185	PF	156.00	0.50	78.00	0.0078
18	Nagpur	Bhiwapur	South Umred	Kargaon	439	276	PF	200.00	0.50	100.00	0.0100
19	Nagpur	Bhiwapur	South Umred	Tas	452	113	PF	200.00	0.50	100.00	0.0100
20	Nagpur	Bhiwapur	South Umred	Bhiwapur	469	421	PF FDCM	500.00	0.50	250.00	0.0250
21	Nagpur	Bhiwapur	South Umred	Bhiwapur	-	735	Zudpi Jungle	100.00	0.50	50.00	0.0050
22	Nagpur	Bhiwapur	South Umred	Bhiwapur	-	737	Zudpi Jungle	175.00	0.50	87.50	0.0087
23	Nagpur	Bhiwapur	South Umred	Bhiwapur	-	757	Zudpi Jungle	25.00	0.50	12.50	0.0012
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3. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Deputy Conservator of Forest, Pusad shall ensure the legal status of land Gut No.364, 365, 366, 341 & 195 at Village Surgaon and Gut No.306 at Village Khedi before the commencement of work.
- 3) User Agency shall submit NOC of the Private land holders and Forest Rights holders of the proposed Land along with Stage-I compliance and compensate them as per prevalent Acts and Rules if necessary.
- 4) User Agency shall submit NOC of FDCM along with the Stage-I compliance.
- 5) User Agency shall obtain wildlife clearance before the commencement of work.
- 6) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Nagpur District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for

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Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.

- 7) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2 meter depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 8) If User Agency has not submitted bank guarantee or paid security deposit with concern road authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 9) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future. For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 10) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 11) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 12) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 13) The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 14) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 15) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 16) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 17) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 18) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned road authorities for the project.
- 19) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 20) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 21) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.

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- 22) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 23) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 24) In case, the proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden should be obtained as per relevant guidelines in this regard.
- 25) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by the User Agency.
- 26) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No 202409041752499419. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:-

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Nagpur
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur
7. Collector, Nagpur.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Nagpur.
9. Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
11. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Nagpur.
12. Select File-F-10.